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as breed in Ohio. Then follows, at greater or less length, a general account of the habits of the species for the popular reader. We bespeak for this book a wide field of usefulness.

The Zoological Quarterly Bulletin, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Division of Zoology. Vol. 1, No. 1, Birds Around the Farm; No. 2, The Economic Value of Our Native Birds. Edited by H. A. Surface, M.S., Economic Zoologist.

In the first number of this new quarterly, Professor Surface gives descriptions and cuts of bird houses which may be erected for the accommodation of various species of birds, points out their economic value, notes their decrease and makes a plea for their preservation, and discusses the value of bird study, giving methods. In the second number an analytical key to the orders and families of North American birds is given, followed by a discussion (to be continued) of the larger groups. We understand that this Quarterly contemplates covering the whole field of Zoology ultimately, but will probably confine itself to birds for the present. We bespeak for it a useful mission in the field of popular education.

Osteology of the Limicolæ. By Dr. R. W. Shufeldt. Reprint from the American Naturalist, Vol. 37, No. 442, pages 697-725.

Osteology and Systematic Position of the Kingfishers (Halcyones). By Dr. R. W. Shufeldt. Reprint from Annals of the Carnegie Museum, Vol. 2, pp. 15-70, 1903.

In these two papers Dr. Shufeldt gives us the results of a great amount of painstaking study and comparison of skeletons, with the object of more definitely showing the relationships of these two groups of birds. They have never been quite satisfactorily disposed of, different authors differing in their opinions as to their proper position in the scheme of classification. In a tentative scheme of classification Dr. Shufeldt places "the Charadriiformes between the Lariformes and the group containing all the ralline forms." The Dr. regards the present knowledge of the structure of the kingfishers and their affines as too meager for even a tentative classification. We trust that this comparative study of osteology may go on until that phase of systematic work has been completed, enabling us to use the skeletal features intelligently.

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Birds of a Maryland Farm. A Local Study of Economic Ornithology. By Sylvester D. Judd, Ph.D. U. S. Department of Agriculture, Division of Biological Survey. Bulletin No. 17.

In this extensive study of the 230 acre Bryan Farm, opposite Mount Vernon, on the Potomac river, Dr. Judd brings home to us the real value of local study of the birds. Any bird student who